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OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER

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To: THE CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the ADLINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1972.

According to the Registrar General's Estimates of the Population, the population of Adlington was 5140, which is 130 more than last year's figure.

The number of live births assignable to the District was 93, 9 more than in 1971. This gives a Birth Rate for the Urban District of 18.1 per 1000 population (adjusted 16.5) compared with a Birth Rate for the country as a whole of 14.8.

The number of deaths attributable to the District was 61, which is the same as last year, giving a Death Rate of 11.9 per 1000 (adjusted 14.0) compared with the Death Rate for England and Wales of 12.1. Of these deaths 11 were aged 55-64, 17 were aged 65-74 and 27 were aged 75 and over.

The number of deaths from malignant neoplasms was 10, one less than last year. Coronary Artery Disease was responsible for the deaths of 14 persons, all of these being over 55 years of age. One person between the ages of 55-64 died from lung cancer.

There was one death of an infant under 1 year of age - one less than last year. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 11.0 per 1000 live births compared with 17.0 for the Country as a whole. There were no stillbirths again this year.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified was 34 against 26 in 1971 - 14 Scarlet Fever, 14 Measles, 3 Food Poisoning, 1 Acute Meningitis, 1 Respiratory Tuberculosis and 1 Non-respiratory Tuberculosis.

The County Health Clinic in Railway Road continues to be very well-used.

26 applications for Standard and 10 applications for Discretionary Grants were received and 34 were approved during the year from owner-occupiers of houses lacking some or all of the standard amenities.

Six Pre-war Council-owned houses were improved to modern standard, and a scheme has been prepared for a further 50 pre-war houses to be improved.

Private housing development in progress includes 65 houses and bungalows completed during the year, and 66 were under construction at the end of the year.

In addition, the Council development at Windsor Avenue (Farnworth Street Clearance Area) of 21 3-bedroomed houses and 20 1-bedroomed, two storey flats was commenced. 5 houses had been completed at the end of the year. Completion of the scheme is expected mid 1973.

The Anderton Street (Clearance Area) Compulsory Purchase Order 1970 was confirmed by the Ministry in January 1972, following a local enquiry held in September 1971. The area comprised 22 dwelling houses. The families affected are being rehouses as Council houses become available. At the end of the year 7 families had been rehoused by the Council.

The Council's scheme to replace the existing inadequate sewage treatment works by a Trunk Sewer to discharge into the Wigan system via Standish, commenced in May 1972 and completion is expected mid 1973. This new Sewer has capacity for increased population in Adlington and the adjoining parish of Anderton and also industrial effluent.

I wish to express my appreciation of the valuable assistance I receive from Mr. A. Livesey the Public Health Inspector and Surveyor, and of the willing co-operation of the other members of the Staff. Miss Cranshaw, who for many years was an invaluable assistant as Clerk/Typist, retired in October 1972, taking with her from the Department their best wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement. I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for the support and consideration extended to me.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. WALKER.

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1973.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ADLINGTON

VITAL STATISTICS 1972

Area	1062 acres
Population - Census 1971	4991
Population (Registrar General's Estimate mid-June 1972)	5,140
Number of inhabited dwellings at the end of 1972 ..	1922
Reateable Value at 1st April, 1972	£141,316
Product of 1p Rate	£1,374

Births

	Male	Female	Total
Live births - legitimate ..	51	40	91
illegitimate ..	1	1	2
	52	41	93

Birth Rate per 1000 population - Crude = 18.1
Adjusted = 16.5

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births = 2.1

Stillbirths .. .. = nil

Total live and stillbirths = 93

Stillbirth Rate per 1000 live births = nil

Deaths

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths of infants under one year	-	1	1
Do. under 4 weeks	-	-	-
Do. under 1 week	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births = 11.0
legitimate = 11.0
illegitimate = nil

Neo-natal Mortality Rate = nil
Early neo-natal mortality rate = nil

Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined for 1000 total live births and stillbirths) = nil

Maternal deaths (including abortion) = nil

Deaths (all ages)

	Male	Female	Total
Death Rate per 1000 population	37	24	61

All causes .. crude = 11.9
adjusted = 14.0

Death Rate per 1000 population from Malignant neoplasms = 1.9

CAUSES OF DEATH SHOWN BY AGE AND SEX

Cause of Death	Sex	All Ages	Under 1 Year	1-4	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	M	1							1		-
	F	1							-		1
Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus	M	1							1		
	F	-							-		
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	5		-					1	4	
	F	2		1					-	1	
Other diseases of Nervous System	M	-								-	
	F	1								1	
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	1							1		
	F	-							-		
Hypertensive Disease	M	1					1				
	F	-					-				
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	7							3	2	2
	F	7							-	1	6
Other forms of heart disease	M	1								1	-
	F	3								1	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	6				1			1	1	3
	F	2				-			-	1	1
Other diseases of Circulatory System	M	2								1	1
	F	1								-	1
Influenza	M	-									-
	F	2									2
Pneumonia	M	2	-						-		2
	F	3	1						1		1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	6							2	1	3
	F	1							-	1	-
Peptic Ulcer	M	2								1	1
	F	-								-	-
Other diseases - Genito-urinary System	M	-									-
	F	1									1
All other accidents	M	2			1			1			
	F	-			-			-			
Total all causes	M	37	-	-	1	1	1	1	10	11	12
	F	24	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	6	15

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	Live Births		Deaths		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
									Total		Neo-natal	
	Number registered	Rate per 1000 (crude)	Number registered	Rate per 1000 (crude)	Number registered	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths registered	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths registered	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths registered	Rate per 1000 live births
Year 1972	93	18.1	61	11.9	-	-	-	-	1	11.0	-	-
Year 1971	84	16.8	61	12.2	-	-	-	-	2	24.0	1	12.0
Year 1970	93	19.3	58	12.0	1	11.0	-	-	1	11.0	1	11.0
Year 1969	92	19.7	64	13.7	-	-	-	-	1	11.0	-	-
Year 1968	84	18.2	45	9.8	2	23.0	-	-	2	24.0	-	-
Year 1967	82	18.0	69	15.1	1	12.0	-	-	4	49.0	4	48.0
Average - 5 years 1967-1971	87	18.4	59.4	12.6	0.8	9.2	-	-	2	23.8	1.2	14.2

Adjusted - Live Birth Rate - Comparability Factor 0.91 = 16.5 per 1,000
Death Rate - Comparablity Factor 1.18 = 14.0 per 1,000

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Staff

Medical Officer of Health :- J. Walker, M.B., Ch.B. D.P.H., L.D.S., D.P.D., Divisional Medical Officer to the Health Division No. 4, Lancashire County Council, and Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Chorley, the Urban District Councils of Fulwood, Leyland, Longridge and Walton-le-Dale, and to Preston and Chorley Rural District Councils.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health :- L. M. Mayer-Jones, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., M.F.C.M., Senior Assistant Divisional Medical Officer to the Health Division No. 4, Lancashire County Council.

Laboratory Facilities

Pathological Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.
Public Health Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.

The Public Health Laboratory caters for every aspect of the Public Health work of a Local Authority related to the bacteriological and pathological examination of samples and specimens.

Ambulance Facilities

Provided by the Lancashire County Council Ambulance Service (Chorley Station). All the ambulance vehicles are now radio-controlled from the County Ambulance Headquarters at Broughton - Telephone: Broughton 862678.

Nursing in the Home

There are three District Nursing Sisters in the area - Miss W. Burns, The Bungalow, 69 Town Lane, Charnock Richard - Telephone: Coppull 423, Mrs. M. J. Anderton, 7 Grove Crescent, Adlington, Telephone: Adl. 681396, and (Relief) Mrs. K. Draper, 64 Beaconsfield Terrace, Chorley, Telephone: Chorley 72526.

Treatment Clinics

Ancillary School Clinics (Orthopaedic, Dental and Eye, etc.) are held at Collinson Avenue, Chorley, and are attended by practitioners of a Specialist status.

Tuberculosis Clinics

The Chest Clinic, Chorley and District Hospital. A Chest Physician attends. This clinic is also used as a consultant Clinic for chest conditions other than Tuberculosis.

Hospital Facilities

Chorley and District Hospital.
Eaves Lane Hospital
Heath Charnock Hospital
Preston Royal Infirmary
Sharoe Green Hospital
Deepdale Hospital
Longsands Hospital
Deepdale Hospital
Longsands Hospital
Bolton Royal Infirmary
Wigan Infirmary
Whelley Hospital, Wigan.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

These services are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

Domiciliary Facilities

There are two County Midwifery Sisters operating in the area - Mrs. A. Nelson, Braddan House, Birkacre Road, Chorley, Telephone: Chorley 3224 and Mrs. H. Threlfall, 2 Cotswold Avenue, Euxton, Chorley, Telephone: Chorley 2954.

Maternity Beds

The main accommodation is available at the new Maternity Unit at Chorley and District Hospital. Other hospitals are also available.

Ante-Natal Clinics

Ante-natal sessions are held at the new Maternity Unit at Chorley and District Hospital.

Health Clinic, Adlington

A Child Health Centre is held twice weekly (Mondays and Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.) at the Health Clinic, Railway Road, Adlington, and is attended by a Medical Officer of the Lancashire County Council as well as a County Health Visitor and a Clinic Nurse.

A relaxation class for expectant mothers is held on Tuesday afternoons at 1-30 p.m.

A chiropodist attends two mornings a week to attend to old people and registered handicapped people.

A class for blind persons is held each week on Friday afternoons.

Health Visitor

The County Health Visitor for the area is Miss M. W. Jones, who may be contacted at the Health Clinic, Railway Road, Adlington, Telephone: Adlington 480746.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year the following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified:-

	1972	1971
Measles	14	7
Scarlet Fever	14	10
Whooping Cough	-	7
Tuberculosis	2	-
Food Poisoning	3	1
Pulmonary Anthrax	-	1
Meningitis	1	-

Three cases of Food Poisoning in one family were notified during the year; the causative organism was found to be Salmonella typhimurium.

Two new cases of Tuberculosis, one pulmonary and one none-pulmonary, were added to the Register, and one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis added to the Register in 1968 was deleted as the man had left the District in 1971. The total number of cases on the Register at the end of 1972 was 6, of which 4 were pulmonary and 2 were non-pulmonary.

Routine vaccination against Smallpox is not now being recommended in early childhood. This advice is based on the fact that the Smallpox eradication programme of the World Health Organisation has made such

remarkable progress that the chances of the introduction of Smallpox into Britain have substantially diminished. The number of serious complications from vaccination in childhood, though few, is now considered to be out of proportion to the risk from Smallpox in this Country.

Vaccination continues to be recommended for travellers to and from countries where Smallpox is endemic or where eradication programmes are in progress, and for Health Service staff who may come into contact with patients.

There must, however, be no relaxation in regard to taking advantage of the protection against other infectious diseases proved by immunisation and vaccination.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

Water supply in the District is now the reponsibility of the Preston and District Water Board.

Details of Samples

23 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year by the Public Health Inspector; one sample was unsatisfactory, but a further sample from the same source was found to be satisfactory.

The Chemical analysis of two samples of water taken from Higher and Lower Adlington respectively are as follows:-

Total Solids in Solution	40	45
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate in 15 mins.	0.2	0.10
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate in 3 hours	0.45	0.25
Ammonia	Nil	0.04
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.06	0.10
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.2	0.25
Nitrogen as Nitrites	Nil	Nil
Combined Chlorine	8	7
Total hardness (as $CaCO_3$)	22	24
Carbonate hardness (as $CaCO_3$)	10	14
Calcium (as $CaCO_3$)	20	20
Lead	Nil	Nil
Copper	Nil	Nil
Zinc	Nil	Nil
Iron	0.11	0.15
Cadmium	Nil	Nil
Fluoride	0.011	0.034
Free Chlorine	0.08	Nil
pH value	8.2	7.4

The Council have confirmed their agreement to the introduction of Flouride into the water supply to the level of 1 p.p.m. as recommended for the prophylaxis of dental decay.

Drainage and Sewerage

26 dwellings in outlying parts of the District, chiefly farms and isolated houses are not on the Councils' sewers. Most of these have septic tanks or chemical closets.

The Councils' scheme to replace the existing inadequate sewage treatment works by a Trunk Sewer to discharge into the Wigan system via Standish commenced in May 1972 and completion is expected mid 1973. The Sewer has been designed to provide for a population of 10,500, which

includes provision for the adjoining parish of Anderton. This Sewer should meet the needs of the District for the foreseeable future and will also improve the environment of the Douglas Valley by reducing pollution by both sewage and industrial waste in the River.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Household refuse is collected weekly by the Local Authority, and disposed of by controlled tipping at the Chorley Borough Tip.

The collection and disposal of refuse has become an increasing problem due to the changing nature of the refuse and the increase in bulk, and every effort is being made to maintain the regularity of the collection.

Under the Civic Amenities Act additional provision has been made for householders to dispose of miscellaneous rubbish by the placing of a skip container adjacent to the disused Bradshaw Tip, which is cleared at frequent and regular intervals by Contractor.

Public Lavatories

There are Sanitary Conveniences at Babylon Lane and Station Road, and on the upper Recreation Ground. The Conveniences are cleaned daily by the Council's workmen. Wilful damage still occurs from time to time.

Shops

There are 80 shops of various kinds within the Urban District. 40 of these are retail food shops. The provisions of the Shops Act concerning the conditions of employment of young persons are the responsibility of the County Council, but the majority of the shops are shops with living accommodation, operated by the family, 60 inspections were made by the Public Health Inspector during the year.

Schools

The following schools are within the Urban District, and their water supply is from the mains:-

Adlington C.E. Infants School, Park Road.
St. Paul's C.E. Infants and Junior Schools, Railway Road.

Clean Air

No action has yet been taken to implement the Clean Air Act by the introduction of Smoke Control areas. However, the Council's improvement schemes are incorporating gas fired central heating. The new housing development at Windsor Avenue will have Electricaire heating.

There is one factory chimney now in the District. Contact is maintained with the management to keep smoke emission to a minimum.

Disinfestation of Houses

Four houses were disinfested by the Council's workmen.

Camping Sites and Other Matters

There are no Camping Sites in the District; no Common Lodging Houses or "Houses let in lodgings" registered; no Swimming Baths or Pools; no underground sleeping rooms; no premises where rag flock is manufactured, and no premises used for Offensive Trades.

Recreational Facilities

There are two playing fields in the District - the King George Field in Higher Adlington, which is administered by a Joint Committee, and the Jubilee Playing Field in Lower Adlington.

The work of improvement of the Jubliee Playing Field has not been completed as was expected, due to the possiblity of acquiring the disused railway line which adjoins the playing fields and which it is proposed to be used for Car Parking Terrace and all-weather play area.

Summary of Sanitary Inspections

No. of premises visited	..	483
No. of visits made to the premises	..	526
No. of nuisances discovered	..	45
No. of nuisances abated	..	45
No. of Informal notices served	..	20
No. of Statutory notices served	..	3

There were no legal proceedings for the abatement of Nuisances.

HOUSING

(1) Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-

	Houses	Flats
(a) By Local Authority	5	-
(b) By other local authorities	-	-
(c) By other bodies or persons	65	-

(2) Total number of dwellings owned by Local Authority at 31st December, 1972 383

(3) Inspections of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

(i) (a) Total no. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts	122
(b) No. of inspections formal or informal made for the purpose	203
(c) No. of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	39
(ii) Total no. of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which (a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time)	24
(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made	2

(4) Houses Demolished

In or adjoining Clearance Areas:	
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation ..	-
(ii) Houses included for reason of bad arrangement	-
(iii) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act 1957	-
Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas:	
(iv) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act 1957 ..	-
(v) Local Authority-owned Houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health ..	-
(vi) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts ..	-
(vii) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-

(5) Unfit Houses Closed

(i)	Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957	-
(ii)	Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	-
(iii)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act 1957	-
	Number of families displaced during the year from houses to be demolished or closed	8
	No. of persons in these families	24

(6) Unfit Houses made fit

(i)	By owner after informal action by Local Authority	20
(ii)	After formal notice under S.9 and S.16 Housing Act 1957 - (a) by owner ..	1
	(b) by Local Authority	-
(iii)	After formal notice under Public Health Acts	-
(iv)	After modification or revocation of a Clearance Order under S.24 Housing Act 1957 ..	-
(v)	After determination of a demilition Order under S.24 Housing Act 1957	-
(vi)	After determination of a closing order under S.27 Housing Act 1961	-

(7) Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957

	No. of houses (1)	No. of separate dwellings, Col(1) (2)
Position at end of year:-		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) under Section 48	-	-
(b) under Section 17(2)	-	-
(c) under Section 46	-	-
(ii) Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 of Section 53	-	-

(8) Purchase of Houses by Agreement

	Houses	Occupants
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Orders or Compulsory Purchase Order	-	-

Housing Act 1969 - Improvement Grants

Discretionary Grants

Action during year:-	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of		
	Owner-occupied	Others	Local Authority
(i) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	10	-	-
(ii) Approved by Local Authority	8	-	-
(iii) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	-	-	8
(iv) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-	8
(v) Work completed	2	-	5
(vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above	-	-	-

Standard Grants

Action during the year:-	Private bodies or individuals	
	No. of schemes	No. of houses or other blds. affected
(i) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	26	26
(ii) Approved by Local Authority	26	26
(iii) Work completed	12	12

HOUSING CONDITIONS

There are 1922 dwelling houses in the District. Of these approximately 800 were built pre 1914. Whilst many of these older houses were originally without the basic amenities, over the years they have gradually been improved by owner-occupiers, and in recent years, since the introduction of the Grant Aid schemes under the Housing Act, this improvement has accelerated.

Since 1945, 827 houses have been built - 253 Council dwellings and 574 privately owned dwellings.

During 1972, 65 dwellings were completed for private owners and 66 were under construction at the end of December 1971.

Anderton Street
Clearance of Unfit Houses

The Anderton Street (Clearance Area) Compulsory Purchase Order 1970 was confirmed by the Ministry in January 1972 following a local enquiry held in September 1971. The area comprised 22 dwelling houses. The families affected are being rehoused as Council houses become available. At the end of the year 7 families had been rehoused by the Council.

Future Housing Programme

The Council development at Windsor Avenue of 21 3-bedroomed houses and 20 1-bedroomed, 2 storey flats is well advanced and should be completed mid 1973.

A scheme is now being considered for the provision of aged persons dwellings on the Anderton Street site.

Following a survey of housing conditions in the Harrison Road area, the Council are considering the making of a General Improvement Area. Consultations are currently taking place with the Department of the Environment and the Planning Authorities.

Future house building in the District has been restricted in the past 3-4 years because of the inadequate sewage disposal facilities. But now that this difficulty has been removed, it is regrettable to find that restrictions are still imposed by the Planning Authorities on the grounds that development would seriously prejudice proposals for the Central Lancashire Development Corporation within the New Town structure. This appears strange after the improvement to the Sewage Disposal facilities and the fact that Adlington is not within the designated area of the New Town.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Premises	Class of Business				
	Offices	Retail shops	Whole sale shops	Catering Establishments open to public	Fuel Storage Depots
No. of registered premises at end of year	8	16	-	3	-
No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	8	16	-	3	-
No. of exemptions current at end of year:-					
Space (S.5(2))	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Convces. (S.9)	-	-	-	-	-
Washing facilities (S.10)	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Acts, 1937

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections made for the purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	3	3	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 in enforced by the Local Authority.	31	25	1	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' Premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	34	28	1	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions instituded
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences a. Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b. Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
c. Not separated for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Out-workers in August list	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failing to Supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
None	-	-	-	-	-	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

There are 3 producer-retailers with premises in Adlington and 4 retailers from outside the District retailing milk in Adlington. In addition, there are 5 shops licensed to sell Sterilised milk.

The licensing of retailers is now the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council.

Milk Samples

The following samples were submitted for Biological Examination:

	No. of samples	Results		
		Positive	Negative	No Result
a. Tuberculosis	11	-	-	-
b. Brucellosis - Ring Test		1	10	-
c. do. - Culture Test		-	2	-
d. do. - Biological Test		1	2	-

11 milk samples were submitted for examination for brucella organisms. On 10th November, 1972, a Heat Treatment Notice was served on a producer-retailer, following the result of a positive sample.

Infected milk can cause undulant fever in man, and the ultimate aim is the eradication of the infection in dairy herds.

Meat

There are no licensed Slaughterhouses within the District. Slaughtering is carried out a Chorley Abattoir.

There are 3 butchers and 1 pork butcher in the District and 4 visits were made to these shops during the year.

Other Foods
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Routine inspections of premises where other foods are prepared or kept for sale have been made by the Public Health Inspector: during the year 22 visits were made. No formal action for contravention of the Regulations was required.

The following table gives the number of food premises by type of business in the District at the end of the year under review, grouped in categories of trade:

Category	Number of premises	No. fitted to comply with Reg.18	No. to which Reg. 21 applies	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 21
Grocers and provisions	16	16	16	16
Greengrocers & Fruiterers (inc. Fishmongers)	4	4	4	4
Butchers	4	4	4	4
Bakers and Confectioners	5	5	5	5
Fried Fish Shops	5	5	5	5
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream etc.	6	6	6	6
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, cafes, etc.	15	15	15	15

Unsound Food

During the year 31 lbs. of meat were surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The following details of food samples taken by the County Sampling Officer within the District are supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health:

"A total of 13 samples was obtained comprising 9 milks and 4 others as follows:-

1	Part Potato and Meat Pie	1	Beef Pie
1	Cornish Pasty	1	Fresh Cream Puff

Adverse reports were made by the County Analyst on the samples as follows:-

Sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
Part Potato & Meat Pie	The foreign matter submitted with the remains of the pie consisted of a piece of ligament from the meat. It weighed o.104 gms.	Complainant and pie maker informed.
Formal milk	Fat content s.80% deficient 6.6% fat and slightly low in solids not fat.	Producer informed.

Ice-Cream

Ice-cream retailed in shops throughout the District is confined to pre-packed standard brands, but 3 manufacturers from neighbouring districts retail from travelling vans in Adlington.

Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

There are no liquid egg pasteurisation plants in this area, and from enquiries made by the Public Health Inspector, it appears that no liquid egg is used by local bakers and confectioners.

Poultry Inspection

There are no Poultry processing premises within the Urban District.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Rodent Control

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property: Non-Agricultural	Type of Property: Agricultural
1. Number of properties in District	2241	11
2. a. Total number of properties (inc. nearby premises) inspected following notification	101	-
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	26	-
(ii) Mice	21	-
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	7	4
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	2	-
(ii) Mice	-	-

Sewers

A test treatment for Rodent infestation was carried out during the year. A slight infestation was found and the necessary action taken.